

**Depending on God**  
**Building a Great Church – Part 1**  
**Full Life Church – June 7, 2009**  
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*Ephesians 5:25b (NIV) ... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.*

*1 John 3:14 (NIV) We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ the condition of the church**

**1A. \_\_\_\_\_ the church to God's ideal**

*Psalms 48:2 (NIV) It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth. Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.*

*Ephesians 5:27 (NIV) [Christ desires] to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

**1B. \_\_\_\_\_ what the church is lacking**

*Nehemiah 1:3 (NIV) They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."*

*Hebrews 12:22-23 (NIV) But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come ... to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven ...*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the condition of the church**

**2A. \_\_\_\_\_ for the church**

*Nehemiah 1:4 (NIV) When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*

**2B. \_\_\_\_\_ for the church**

**2B1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord**

*Nehemiah 1:5-6a (NIV) Then I said: "O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.*

**2B2. \_\_\_\_\_ of the sins of the church**

*Nehemiah 1:6b-7 (NIV) I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.*

**2B3. \_\_\_\_\_ the promises of God**

*Nehemiah 1:8-9 (NIV) "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'*

**2B4. \_\_\_\_\_ God's past faithfulness**

*Nehemiah 1:10 (NIV) "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand.*

**2B5. \_\_\_\_\_ for the future of the church**

*Nehemiah 1:11 (NIV) O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.*

# Message Study Guide

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(Answer questions based on the message outline and verses)

Intro. How would you define what a church is to someone else?

Why is being committed to a church family important (Ephesians 5:25, 1 John 3:14)?

1A. What is God's ideal for the church to be like (Psalm 48:2, Ephesians 5:27)?

1B. What was the condition of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's time (Nehemiah 1:3)?

1C. What is the condition of our church (Hebrews 12:22-23)?

2A. If there are problems in the church, what should our response be (Nehemiah 1:4)?

2B1. What are the benefits of praising God at the beginning of prayer (Nehemiah 1:5-6a)?

2B2. What sins of our church could we repent of (Nehemiah 1:6b-7)?

2B3. What promises of God could we claim as a church (Nehemiah 1:8-9)?

2B4. How has God been faithful in our church's history (Nehemiah 1:10)?

2B5. What can we request of God for the future of our church (Nehemiah 1:11)?